Postal Services in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

3661. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether postal services have been provided to all the important villages and important towns in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar pradesh;

(b) if not, the number of villages and towns separately where postal services have been provided so far, and the number of villages and towns to which the services are yet to be provided;

(c) whether there is any lack of postal services in the state in comparison to other states;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to increase such services in the state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) yes, sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above

(e) During 1991-93, 349 and 539 post offices were opened in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh respectively. It is proposed to open 17 and 25 post offices in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh during 1994-95.

Arrear of Telephone Bills

3662. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone arrears are over Rs. 1,284 crores,

(b) what is the break-up of the arrears amount between MTNL and DOT;

(c) what is the total amount of arrears of State Governments of Maharashtra and Delhi;

(d) what is the total amount of arrears of private parties of MTNL in Mumbai and Delhi respectively;

(e) the number of complaints received by MTNL Mumbai and Delhi for submitting incorrect bills; and

(f) the number of complaints established to be genuine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes sir as on 31.5.94;

(b) The break up of the amount of arrears as on 31.5.94 between DOT and MTNL is as under:-

DOT —Rs.826.33 Crores
MTNL —Rs.471.20 Crores

(c) The amount of arrears of State Governments of Maharashtra & Delhi are:-

Maharashtra Rs. 4.97 Crores
Delhi Rs. 1.73 Crores

(d) Total amount of arrears of private parties in MTNL Mumbai (Bombay) and Delhi is as under:-

Mumbai —Rs. 215.76 Crores
Delhi —Rs.231.54 Crores

(e) Total complaints received during the year 1994-95 upto 30.6.94 in respect of MTNL, Mumbai (Bombay) & Delhi are as under:-

Mumbai—4264
Delhi—3124

(f) The No. of complaints established to be genuine out of (e) above in respect of MTNL, Delhi Bombay are as under:-

Bombay—315
Delhi—515

Shares of Foreign Companies

3663. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the share of foreign companies in Indian markets, segment-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): Government does not compile data on market share of different companies. The approvals of foreign investment during the period August, 1991 to December, 1993 reveal that the bulk of foreign investment is in the areas of power, oil refinery, food processing industry, metallurgical industries and electric equipment.